[President.]

One further point I would like to mention. Of late, there has been some delay in the publication of the proceedings of the Legislature. With a view to expedite the publication of the proceedings of the Legislature, some arrangements have been made provisionally. Those of you who have been members of the last Council are no doubt aware that printed copies of the proceedings of one meeting are ready only just before the next meeting comes round. This delay can be avoided if the members would kindly co operate with the Secretary in enabling him to send to the Press the final edition of their speeches with the utmost possible expedition. Typed copies of the speeches made by each member at a meeting will be made available to him on the evening of the day after the meeting, and the speeches may be returned to the Secretary, with the corrections, if any, within the course of a day. This will enable the final edition of the proceedings of each meeting being issued on the fourth day.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Road from 10th mile Alleppey-Aroor Road to Kanichakulangara.*

1.* **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why the scheme for the construction of a road from the 10th mile of the Alleppey-Aroor road to Kanichakulangara is not yet carried out; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the great hardships to which the people of the locality are subjected for want of means of communication?

**MR. L. H. JACOB** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) For want of funds; (*b*) yes.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): May I know whether Government will be pleased to state whether they are aware.....

**MR. L. H. JACOB** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I regret I cannot hear a word of what the member has been saying.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that, at the Kanichakulangara temple festival, more than 50,000 people congregate yearly from most parts of North Travancore?

**MR. L. H. JACOB** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, if the people of the locality are willing to surrender land free, immediate steps will be taken to start the construction of the road in question?

**MR. L. H. JACOB** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Is the member sure that the land necessary will be surrendered free by the owners concerned?

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): I am sure.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

*Ottapunna-Kanichakulangara road.*

2.* MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the work, in connection with the Ottapunna-Kanichakulangara road from the 16th mile of the Aroor road cutting the Arathumkal road on the 2nd mile, will be taken up next year; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The answer to (*a*) is in the negative and to (*b*), for want of funds.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Are the Government aware that a few years ago, a constructive scheme was suggested, by the representatives of the people of Shertala and the officers of Government, for a system of cross roads connecting the Alleppey-Aroor road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government are not aware.

*Breach on the Main Central road near the Mamam Bridge.*

3.* MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable hardship is caused to the line buses running from Attingal to Trivandrum on account of the breach on the M. C. road near the Mamam Bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No doubt there may be some inconvenience; but it is not so serious, as the diversion through Venjarumoodu is only 3 miles longer. The inconvenience is inevitable until the masonry bridge is rebuilt and the road to Trivandrum is restored.

MR. PUTUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the member aware of a bridge called Mamam *Palam* on the M. C. road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is not on the M. C road.

MR. PUTUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know in which road that bridge is situated?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is in the 19th mile of the Trivandrum-Quilon road.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the line buses coming from Attingal to Trivandrum now have to come by a circuitous route *via* Nedumangad?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Service buses from Quilon need come only through Venjarumoodu. There is no occasion to go to Nedumangad.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How many miles more do these buses have to travel by coming through Venjarumoodu?

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